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**SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 654 (STEINBERG)**

In response to the California Supreme Court's recent ruling to dissolve redevelopment agencies throughout the State of California, SB 654 (Steinberg) would specify that the balances in redevelopment agencies' housing funds be used for housing construction and other housing-related purposes. This bill clarifies conflicting provisions of last year's AB 26x and has received unanimous bi-partisan support thus far. According to the State Controller, redevelopment agencies held \$1.36 billion of unreserved housing monies as of June 30, 2010. Preserving the housing balances for their original intended use will allow thousands of developments in the pipeline to be completed. The resulting jobs and affordable homes are desperately needed by the unemployed and others facing rising rents and decreasing incomes.

SB 654's provisions are consistent with Governor Brown's original 2011 proposal to dissolve redevelopment agencies, in which he recommended these funds be preserved for housing development. His proposed 2012-13 budget also assumes these monies will remain in the housing fund. The bill is currently being considered by the California State Senate and therefore related action on the bill by the Board of Supervisors is timely.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Instruct the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to take all appropriate actions to support the passage of Assembly Bill 654 (Steinberg).

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